

This may be our last battle. We believe that it is the beginning of our final triumph.

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WHITE PRESS IN FURY ON COHEN CONFIRMATION

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PITTSBURGH, Pa., April 3.—The confirmation of Hon. Walter L. Cohen who was twice rejected by the United States Senate upon the insistence of Senator Shipstead, Republican, has started a flood of editorial comment in the southern press denouncing the north, President Coolidge and the Senators who voted for confirmation of Cohen.

Some of the papers declare that it is simply a move to gather Negro votes which claim that it will divide the Negro vote, for Shipstead is a Farmer-Labor Republican, and this will tend to divide the Negro vote and give the Democrats a better chance at winning the presidential campaign. In fact all of the papers declare that it is a shame that New Orleans is made to suffer, but democratic victory will soon relieve their burden.

The following excerpts are typical of the press of the entire south anent the confirmation: The Commercial Appeal, of Memphis says under the caption of "Dividing the Negro Vote."

"The confirmation by the United States Senate of the Negro politician, Walter L. Cohen, in the manner by which it was brought about, is being interpreted by political experts as having a national political significance. 'Obvious it is that the Farmer-Labor vote seeks to divide the ballots of the states in the states where such a might constitute a balance of power and it must appear that from now on there will be considerable of a contest for such ballots. But the Democrats of the nation will not be worried by any such conflict. To the contrary it will be more water on the wheel by which they have the most flattering chance of grinding out another presidency for their party. The wider the opposition to the democratic party is divided and the closer its own strength is consolidated, the bigger its majority should be in the national elections next November."

And this same editor concludes: "It may be unfortunate that New Orleans and surrounding territory is made to suffer, but it seems assured their suffering will not be for long. Their sacrifice for sentiment will be the suffering of those who imposed such a sacrifice upon them."

The Birmingham Age-Herald spills its ink along this line: "The appointment was political and partly for the purpose of conciliating the Negro vote of the North. The appointee received the recognition not because of special fitness or ability as even an inadequate offset to the violation of southern public sentiment. It was a deliberate slap at the southern sense of fitness and decency for the sake of Republican votes. The Republicans have done a most unskillful thing."

The Negro voters of the country fully realize that the confirmation of Mr. Cohen is typical of Republican principles and the southern papers are correct when they declare that the act will have national significance. President Coolidge has won the everlasting praise of Negroes in all parts of the country and the Republican party will win the united support of all right thinking Negro voters throughout the North and West, in fact wherever their votes count.

RICHMOND'S COMING EVENT!

CITY AUDITORIUM, MAY 2nd, 8:15 P. M.

"President and Mrs. Coolidge" invite the dignitaries of the world to meet America's Beautiful Queen of May and her attendants. Do not miss it. A wonderful, spectacular, beautiful and magnificent pageant, benefit Virginia Union University and charity.

Committee: Mrs. Ora Brown Stokes, Manager; Mrs. G. B. Hancock, Asst. Manager; Mrs. Lucile W. Barco, Secretary; Miss S. C. White, Treasurer. This committee will be assisted by a committee of fifty ladies. Watch the St. Luke Herald.

SABBATH GLEE CLUB IN RECEPTION AT THE PHYLIS WHEATLEY BRANCH, SUNDAY, APRIL 13TH AT 5 P. M.

TWO OF THE TEN TWO MORE NAMES ARE RELEASED IN THE 'TEN GREATEST NEGROES' SERIAL FEATURE.



MME. C. J. WALKER.



JAMES WELDON JOHNSON.

Numbers 3 and 4 in the "Ten Greatest Negroes American Has Produced," as released through Preston News, are presented to Planet readers this week. The interest is now at fever heat to know the identity of the remaining six. See page 2.

THE ACADEMY OF MUSIC.

The Academy of Music has been presenting some fine plays recently and the stock company employed there is making good to the edification of the large audience, who are attending the plays. "Six Cylinder Love," evoked prolonged applause. It was a dramatic comedy. This was followed by "Cora," which has been on the boards this week. It is a stirring presentation and thrills and impresses all who see it. Many colored people are now patronizing this play-house. "Turn to the Right," will be presented there next week.

PRIMARY RESULTS.

Senator Robert M. LaFollette has carried his own State, Wisconsin in the Republican primaries as against President Coolidge by about a two to one vote. Gov. Al Smith of New York has outstripped Hon. William M. McAdoo in the Democratic primaries in the same State.

TRAIN WRECKED.

The wreck of the Florida Special on the R. F. and P. R. R., near Woodford Lane, about 45 miles north of this city resulted in the derailment of the train and the death of Engineer W. L. Snelson of Ashland, Va., and the injury of Fireman Gray. The track was torn up for several hundred yards. The mishap occurred about 2:30 A. M. Wednesday, April 2.

BIG ORDER.

The American Locomotive Works here have received an order for 25 new locomotives, the cost price of which will be \$1,850,000. This will ensure work here to a large number of laborers for a long time to come.

—Dr. J. L. Peters is opening a place of business on First Street between Jackson and Duval Streets and will carry a select line of cosmetics, hair preparation, etc.

RACE GIVEN AN UNFAIR DEAL BY R.R. LABOR BOARD

GROSS DISCRIMINATION AGAINST OUR MEN IS PROTESTED.

(Crusader News Service.)

CHICAGO, April 5.—The U. S. Railroad Labor Board's decision sustaining the right of the St. Louis San Francisco railroad to discriminate against certain train service employees simply because they are colored and unorganized is condemned by A. O. Wharton, labor's most active member of the board, in a dissenting opinion. He finds it incomprehensible that a tribunal created by congress to deal out justice to citizens irrespective of their race, creed or nationality should reach such a decision on the evidence presented.

UNFAIR TO RACE.

The evidence shows, according to Wharton, "that the carrier has arbitrarily disregarded the rights of these employees and reclassified their duties without changing their duties; that it has reduced their rates of pay and established less favorable working conditions because they are colored men and for no other reason. It has sought to establish a separate and distinct class based solely on the fact that they are of the Negro race instead of the white race."

The case involves 145 passenger brakemen whom the board describes as follows: "The employees involved in this dispute are colored men and on February 1, 1921, the effective date of the wage reduction complained of they were unorganized. Up to the time of the hearing of this case they were still unorganized and their complaint is submitted by 100 (or more) unorganized employees in accordance with a provision of the transportation act."

BARRED FROM UNION.

On account of their color these employees are ineligible to membership in the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen. Prior to the war the carrier took advantage of this fact to classify them as train porters, although they were required to perform the duties of passenger brakemen. In this way the management was able to evade the agreement with the trainmen and to pay these colored employees a lower wage.

PROTEST BY A. B. B.

The protest of the men against this discrimination is backed up by protests on the part of the African Blood Brotherhood, the Negro workers organization sent jointly to the U. S. Railroad Labor Board and to the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen. The protest to the latter organization calls attention to the fact of a protest six months ago by the A. B. B. against the Trainmen organization policy of barring colored men from the benefits of unionism.

Mr. Burton Rallies.

Baltimore, Md., March 20, 1924. Mr. John Mitchell, Jr., Richmond, Virginia. Dear Sir:—Please find enclosed herewith a check for (\$10.00) Ten Dollars which I have long since contemplated sending to your Defense Fund. I send you this in all sincerity. You have my deepest sympathy and prayers for your ultimate triumph and vindication. Yours truly,

DR. WESTBROOK ALTERNATE TO REPUBLICAN CONVENTION

Dr. J. H. P. Westbrook, prominent physician of Denver, Colo., and a member of the Executive Committee of the local branch of the Nat. Association for the Advancement of Colored People, has been unanimously elected an alternate to the Republican National Convention to be held this June in Cleveland Ohio. Dr. Westbrook has been instrumental in making the Denver Branch of the N. A. A. C. P., one of the strongest forces for race justice in the country.

WITNESSES ABSENT; MURDER SUIT IS DROPPED.

(Preston News Service.)

UNIONTOWN, Pa., March 31.—With the main commonwealth witness dead, the other eye witness known, the charge of murder which had been brought against Edward Swann, was dropped after a brief hearing last Thursday. Swann was charged with having killed James Gardner. The widow of the victim is said to have gone south.

ST. PAUL WINS THE STATE HIGH SCHOOL ORATORICAL HONORS

R. I. JOHNSON GETS THE COVETED HONOR.

Five High Schools Participate In First Interscholastic Oratorical Contest at Virginia Union.

Speaking with the polish and the finesse of a modern Cicero, the brilliant young orator, R. I. Johnson, representing the St. Paul Normal and Industrial Institute expounded a masterful address on "Education the Foundation of Democracy," and won the coveted \$50.00 prize and the custody of the beautiful J. Raymond Henderson Oratorical Trophy, in the great First Annual Oratorical Contest among the high and normal schools of the State of Virginia staged last Friday night at the Virginia Union University Chapel under the promotion of Mr. J. Raymond Henderson.

The assemblage of a galaxy of young speakers established a precedent as being the greatest event of its kind ever staged under the auspices of the Union University and promoted by the aggressive Mr. J. Raymond Henderson.

A large and appreciative audience packed the auditorium to witness the novel event in Virginia's history and much commendation is due the institution for sponsoring such a contest and to the pioneer oratorical advocate, Mr. Henderson, who personally undertook to promote and finally succeeded in putting this affair over in great fashion. After years of intensive training at Union, and having developed to the place where he is considered one of the best orators in the country, recently the winner of the Inter-Collegiate Oratorical Contest, Mr. Henderson's love for oratory and for Union prompted him to personally endeavor to promote this great event and he succeeded.

Miss Ruth Taylor representing the local Armstrong High School delivered a splendid oration on "Self-Reliance," and was considered by many as the best speaker of the evening.

Miss Caudance Wright of Huntington High School, Newport News, Va., spoke commendably on "Progress." The Booker T. Washington High School sent Mr. James H. Spence, who

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MASONIC HEADS CONDEMN THE NEFARIOUS KLAN

DOCUMENTS PUBLISHED SHOWING KLAN MET THEIR DISFAVOR.

(Special by N. A. A. C. P. Press Service.)

NEW YORK, April 3.—Mason leaders throughout the country have made public statements declaring the Ku Klux Klan to be not only un-American but an un-Masonic institution, according to documents published in Hearst's International Magazine for April, 1924. Among Masonic leaders who have made such statements are Judge Arthur S. Thompson, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York; the Grand Master of Missouri; the Editor of the Masonic Herald of Rome, Ga.; Arthur D. Prince, Grand Master of Massachusetts and William F. Weller, Grand Master of Wisconsin.

Despite these attacks upon the hooded body, the Klan has been endeavoring to gain a foothold in Masonic bodies and has succeeded in a number of places in gaining members among Masons.

URBAN LEAGUE FELLOWSHIPS.

(Preston News Service.)

NEW YORK, April 3.—The National Urban League announces its annual fellowships for social service study beginning in September at the New York School of Social Work, the Chicago University School of Social Administration, the Simmons College School of Social Work, Boston, Mass., Pennsylvania School for Social Service, Philadelphia, Pa., Carnegie School of Technology and the University of Pittsburgh, both of Pittsburgh. The fellowships pay a minimum of \$50 per month in addition to free tuition at the schools mentioned above and are open to applicants equipped with a college training or its equivalent.

Former "Fellows" of the League are now engaged as Probation officers, Urban League Executives, Family Case workers, Y. W. C. A. secretaries and visiting teachers.

Full particulars for persons interested can be had by communicating with Eugene Kinckle Jones, Executive Secretary of the National Urban League, 127 East 23rd Street, New York City, before April 15th, shortly after which date the examinations will be given.

JESSE BATTLE LOSES EYE.

(Preston News Service.)

WILSON, N. C., April 3.—While blasting tre stumps with dynamite near Five Points, a Wilson suburb, Monday afternoon Jesse Battle was so badly injured that it became necessary to remove both eyes from their sockets. One of his arms is badly shattered and his life is despaired of at the local hospital where he was taken after the accident.



J. RAYMOND HENDERSON, Founder, Interscholastic Oratorical Contest.

LOUISE HALL KILLED.

A most deplorable accident took place last Sunday afternoon near the corner of Adams and Leigh Streets. James F. Cooper was driving a Ford car and was not complete master of the machine, being somewhat inexperienced. As a result he ran down Louise Hall, a colored girl about 21 years of age, who resides at 300 W. Leigh St. Unfortunately one of the wheels of the car passed over her abdomen, later resulting in her death. Cooper resides at 808 St. Paul Street.

LAFAYETTE PLAYERS REAL SCREAM WITH LOCAL THEATERGOERS

IDA ANDERSON SCORES HEAVILY HERE.

Popular Players Win A Return Engagement at Rayo.

The Lafayette Players, led by Mrs. Ida Anderson completed a week's engagement here last Saturday night at the Rayo Theatre and made a record for attendance at that play-house, unequaled by any company in the history of this city. Each night an enthusiastic large audience greeted the players. During the latter half of the week, they presented the gripping drama, "Why Wives Go Wrong." It is utterly impossible to describe the transcendent dramatic ability displayed in this presentation, although we shall endeavor to do so.

Ida Anderson as Aggie Sheridan was a star of the first magnitude. She had the opportunity to extend herself and to show to her admirers just what she could do in the dramatic line and she did so. Her womanly agony, affection, love, hate, anger, confusion, vacillation, sympathy, were all displayed in this truly remarkable play and brought forth again and again the applause of the audience.

As for Charles Olden, he showed himself to be a master. As Jack Sheridan, he reproduced a character that might have been made for him. His exhortation of a faithless wife, his exhibition of love and then the assassination of that very feeling while in the throes of a jealous passion drew to him the attention of the audience and made him a lasting favorite. So realistic were the parts that at times, it was

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Mrs. Ruffin Entertained.

The residence of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sully, 1915 Decatur street was the scene of a beautiful home party on Thursday night, March 29th. The occasion was in honor of Mrs. Nannis Ruffin of Hartford, Conn.

Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. John Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Sully, Mr. and Mrs. John Cogbill, Mrs. Amanda Baker, Dr. T. Walter Nelson, Mr. Harvey Nelson, Mrs. Lafon Walton, Misses Rose Sully, Mary and Florine Cogbill and little Jeanette Laton.

A fine menu was served and the party enjoyed themselves to the utmost, regretting when the hour arrived for departure. Mrs. Ruffin left for her home in Hartford last Tuesday morning with the best wishes of her many friends.

—Mr. James Orange, who has been indisposed at his residence, 205 E. Clay Street is out again.

—We return thanks to Mrs. Minnie Carpenter of Peoria, Illinois for aid.

—Mr. Edward Stewart the popular grocer, who has been indisposed during the past week has resumed his duties at his place of business.

—Miss Esther Ransome is confined to her home, 1507 Decatur street, suffering with a rising arm.

—Mrs. Mollie Robinson is somewhat indisposed at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Lottie Jenkins in Holly street.

—Miss Gladys Cogbill, who was taken sick while at Armstrong School last Tuesday is slowly improving.

WHITE CHURCH HONORS HARRY BURLEIGH IN N.Y.

CROWDS HONOR NOTED SINGER IN SPECIAL MASS

Composer and Choir Leader Called to Pulpit, Then His Hymns Are Sung.

NEW YORK, April 3.—Hundreds of persons vainly stormed the entrances to St. George's Episcopal Church on both East Sixteenth Street and Rutherford Place Sunday trying to gain admission to the special vespers service in recognition of Harry T. Burleigh's thirtieth anniversary as a baritone soloist in the choir. Mr. Burleigh is a Negro singer and composer. So dense were the throngs outside that police were called to keep the streets open for traffic. The church was filled and the doors were ordered closed half an hour before the services opened.

The program was devoted chiefly to singing by the choir, but the Rev. Dr. Karl Relland the rector made a short address in which he referred to Mr. Burleigh as the leading singer of the church and to his long and notable service there. Dvorak, Dr. Relland said, composed his New World Symphony in the neighborhood of St. George's Church and received much of his inspiration from his association with Mr. Burleigh.

Just before he concluded speaking Dr. Relland called Mr. Burleigh to the pulpit. There was no applause, of course but an audible murmur swept through the crowded auditorium as the white-haired Negro, garbed in snowy vestments, stood beside the rector and bowed several times. As he descended from the pulpit the choir began the singing of one of his best known compositions:

An' I couldn't hear nobody pray;
An' I couldn't hear nobody pray;
O' way down yonder by myself,
An' I couldn't hear nobody pray;
O' Lord, I couldn't hear nobody pray.

Then the melody changed abruptly reverberating against the high arched ceiling and welling back over the crowded aisles to the farthest end of the auditorium:

In de valley!
On my knees!
With my burden!
An' my Saviour!
Hallelujah!
Troubles over!
In de kingdom
With my Jesus!

When the service was over Mr. Burleigh stood at the chancel steps and hundreds of those in the congregation shook his hand as they passed out, many of them to waiting automobiles. Mr. Burleigh's work is well known both here and abroad. Besides singing at St. George's he has undertaken to train choirs in several other churches. His baritone voice is rich and musical to the last vibration. It has been care fully trained and he is much in demand at concerts and private musicales. For years he has passed his vacation each year abroad and he has sung before King Edward VII. and most of the former crowned heads of Europe. The outstanding feature of his singing is his power to move all types of persons in the mixed audiences of great cities.

Since becoming a composer, Mr. Burleigh has written about 250 songs, he sides several festival anthems and violin compositions. "I hope," he said, "to make my greatest reputation as an arranger of Negro spirituals. In them my race has pure gold and they should be taken as the Negro's contribution to art. In them we show a spiritual security as old as the ages. The personal note is ever present. America's only original and distinctive style of music is destined to be appreciated more and more as time moves on."

VESPERS EXTRAORDINARY SUNDAY, APRIL 13th at 5 P. M. The Religious Education Committee of The Religious Education Committee will present the Sabbath Glee Club at the Phyllis Wheatley Branch, Y. W. C. A.